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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL EVENTS: EXHIBIT AND FILM FESTIVAL

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO'S SUGGESTION TO AMBASSADOR REFTEL A), CAO AND IO REQUESTED CALL AT MFA CULT DIV TO DISCUSS 1976 FILM FESTIVAL AND BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT. CALL MADE DEC 18.

2. EMBOFFS PRESENTED GENERAL CONCEPT OF FESTIVAL: A RETROSPECTIVE INCLUDING SEVERAL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN CINEMA, FROM EARLIER PERIODS TO CONTEMPORARY, IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN JULY, 1976. PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AND NEED FOR SOVIET THEATER WERE DISCUSSED. SEMINAR OF FILM EXPERTS AND PERSONALITIES ALSO RAISED. SOVIETS COULD PROPOSE SIMILAR FESTIVAL IN 1976, OR 1977 IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR EXHIBIT. CHURLIN AND FILATOV REPLIED THAT PROPOSAL WAS INTERESTING AND THAT THEY WOULD GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY. THEY ASKED US SIDE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL, WHEN DETAILS WORKED OUT, BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, AND THAT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BE PROVIDED. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION THEY RAISED TOPIC OF SOVIET FILM OFFICE IN NEW YORK, BEING DISCUSSED AT EXCHANGE TALKS, AND PROBLEM OF US NON-PARTICIPATION IN LAST MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

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FESTIVAL.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ON STATUS OF US BICENTENNIAL
EXHIBIT PROPOSAL, CHURLIN SAID VOLSKIY, CULTDIV CHIEF, WOULD
LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR IF CALL COULD BE ARRANGED
LATER IN DAY. (SEE SEPTTEL.)
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